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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "TRAINING PROVIDED LDC NATIONALS IN  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AUDIT AND EVALUATIONS"

1. THE GAO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT AND AID THAT IN  
COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE LATIN  
AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF  
SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS (INTOSAI), IT WILL UNDERTAKE

THE SUBJECT REVIEW AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. ACCORDING TO THE GAO, THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF ECUADOR, WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF INTOSAI, WILL NOTIFY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OR THEIR EQUIVALENT, AT THE ADDRESSEE POSTS OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT AND REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICES. A GAO TEAM HAS ALREADY VISITED THE UNITED NATIONS TO DISCUSS WHAT TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS. THE GAO HAS ALSO REVIEWED AID EFFORTS IN SUBJECT FIELD.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REVIEW, THE GAO PLANS TO VISIT THE ADDRESSEE POSTS, DATES OF VISIT SUBJECT TO POST'S CONCURRENCE, TO ASSESS THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S TRAINING NEEDS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FISCAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE GAO WILL IDENTIFY WHAT IT BELIEVES IS NEEDED COMPARED TO WHAT IS BEING DONE AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. THEY WILL ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING SYSTEMS AND THEIR CAPABILITY TO PERFORM, ON THEIR OWN, A REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

3. THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEAM'S UNCLASSIFIED

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ITINERARY SHOWN IN PARA 4, WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, EDUCATION AND PLANNING AND THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S OFFICE. (IN BRAZIL THERE IS NO HOST GOVERNMENT CG OFFICE SO THE GAO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE COURT OF ACCOUNTS AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.) AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE RESIDENT UNDP REPRESENTATIVE IS DESIRED AT POSTS WHERE THIS OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY/USAID AND AN EMBOFF/USAID TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

4. THIS PROJECT WILL BE DIRECTED BY MR. EDWARD D. KENNEDY, GAO/WASHINGTON WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO TWO-MAN TEAMS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE LEAD BY MR. JAMES R. HAMILTON, GAO/WASHINGTON AND THE OTHER TEAM LEADER TO BE NAMED BY THE GAO LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH, PANAMA. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR TEAM I, II AND MR. KENNEDY FOLLOWS:

(A) TEAM I

TEAM LEADER HAMILTON PLUS ONE MEMBER TO BE NAMED

JUNE 28 - ARRIVE QUITO, CALL ON EMBASSY;  
JUNE 29 - JULY 20 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS  
JULY 21 - LEAVE QUITO FOR SANTIAGO

JULY 21 - ARRIVE SANTIAGO  
JULY 24-28 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AFTER CALL ON EMBASSY  
29TH.  
JULY 29 - LEAVE SANTIAGO FOR RIO DE JANEIRO

JULY 29 - ARRIVE RIO  
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AFTER CALL ON  
CONSULATE GENERAL THE 31ST  
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AUGUST 2 LEAVE RIO FOR BRASILIA

AUGUST 2 ARRIVE BRASILIA  
AUGUST 3-8 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AFTER CALL ON EMBASSY  
THE 3RD.  
AUGUST 9 LEAVE BRASILIA FOR QUITO

AUGUST 9 ARRIVE QUITO, EXIT INTERVIEW WITH EMBASSY THE  
11TH, IF EMBASSY REQUESTS.  
AUGUST 12 LEAVE QUITO

(B) TEAM II

TEAM LEADER PLUS ONE MEMBER TO BE NAMED BY LATIN AMERICAN  
BRANCH, PANAMA

JUNE 28 ARRIVE CARACAS, CALL AT EMBASSY;  
JUNE 29 - JULY 23 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS  
JULY 24 LEAVE CARACAS FOR GUATEMALA CITY

JULY 24 ARRIVE GUATEMALA CITY, CALL AT EMBASSY;  
JULY 25 - AUG. 10 AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS  
AUGUST 11 LEAVE GUATEMALA CITY FOR PANAMA CITY

(C) ITINERARY FOR PROJECT LEADER KENNEDY WHO WILL MAKE  
SUPERVISORY VISITS TO TEAM I AND II DURING THE COURSE OF  
THE REVIEW:

JULY 9 LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR PANAMA CITY  
ARRIVE PANAMA CITY  
JULY 11 LEAVE PANAMA CITY FOR CARACAS

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JULY 16 LEAVE CARACAS FOR QUITO

ARRIVE QUITO

JULY 21 LEAVE QUITO FOR SANTIAGO

ARRIVE SANTIAGO

JULY 29 LEAVE SANTIAGO FOR RIO DE JANEIRO

ARRIVE RIO

AUGUST 2 LEAVE RIO FOR BRASILIA

ARRIVE BRASILIA

AUGUST 4 LEAVE BRASILIA FOR WASHINGTON

5. EXCEPT FOR PANAMA CITY WHERE GAO LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH OFFICE WILL MAKE ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR GAO REPRESENTATIVES, GAO WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT REASONABLY PRICED HOTEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITINERARIES SHOWN IN SUB-PARAS (A), (B) AND (C) OF PARAGRAPH 4. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATION AND NAME OF HOTEL TO DEPARTMENT WITH INFO TO PANAMA FOR GAO.

6. DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MESSRS. KENNEDY AND HAMILTON HOLD CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR TEAM MEMBERS DETAILED FROM PANAMA OFFICE OF GAO WILL BE PROVIDED BY GAO.

7. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH 4 FAM 930-934. ALL QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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